

America Recycles Day

Poetry Contest

To commemorate **America Recycles Day** (November 15) the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is sponsoring a statewide poetry contest. Encourage your students to enter the contest and use their creative writing skills to spread the word about recycling. The grand prize winner will have his or her poem published in DEQ's 2008-2009 *Guide to Recycling and Waste Management in Idaho*, which will be published in early 2008. Winners will be announced on America Recycles Day.

Who may enter? Any K-12 student in Idaho – public school, private school, or home school.

What are the submission requirements?

- Poems need to focus on the theme of recycling.
- Poems should be no longer than one side of one 8 ½" x 11" page.
- Submissions must include the student's name and grade, teacher's name, town, and the name, mailing address, and phone number of the school. Provide this information on the back of the poem.
- Submissions must be postmarked by **November 1, 2007**.

How many winners will there be?

- There will be **one** first prize winner. The winner will have his or her poem published in DEQ's 2008-2009 *Guide to Recycling and Waste Management in Idaho*.
- In addition, there will be **six** age-group winners (K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12).
- Each winner will receive a prize, and the classroom/teacher of each winner will also receive a prize that will benefit the entire class.

All winning poems will be published on DEQ's Web site and will be posted at environmental outreach events and other locations throughout the state during 2008 and 2009.

Where should the poems be sent?

Send poems to:

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Questions?

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